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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Rulemaking to  
Implement Public Utilities Code  
Section 451.2 Regarding Criteria and  
Methodology for Wildfire Cost Recovery  
Pursuant to Senate Bill 901 (2018).

Rulemaking 19-01-006

**ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S RULING**

This ruling releases a Staff Proposal for the Stress Test methodology. The Staff is mindful of other efforts, which may impact this proceeding.

Governor Newsom is leading a Task Force to address the many issues related to wildfires, including wildfire costs.<sup>1</sup> The Commission on Catastrophic Wildfire Cost and Recovery, created by Senate Bill (SB) 901, has been convened, hosted three meetings, and is working towards a statutory requirement of publishing a report and recommendations to the Governor and Legislature by July 1, 2019.<sup>2</sup> Legislative action from these efforts may impact this proceeding.

The Commission applies existing law and, in this proceeding, the statutory directive of SB 901 (codified in part as Public Utilities Code Section 451.2) is limited to costs accrued due to a 2017 fire. The Staff Proposal is provided as a starting point for a discussion to ensure California has financially viable utilities to provide safe and reliable electrical service in the future. The Commission

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<sup>1</sup> State of the State Address by Governor Gavin Newsom, February 12, 2019. Available here: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2019/02/12/state-of-the-state-address/>.

<sup>2</sup> Cal. Pub. Resources Code Section 4205(c)(1).

intends to modify the Staff Proposal, as appropriate, after receiving feedback from the public.

Dated April 5, 2019, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MICHAEL PICKER

Michael Picker  
Assigned Commissioner